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Large knives, called shearers, cut the Boeing 727 into chunks, then shredded it into smaller pieces that were hauled away and melted fo recycling. The process began July 31 and was finished by the first week of August.

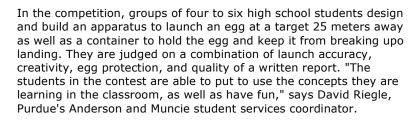
"It's quite unusual for a plane to be destroyed in Indiana," Purdue Airport director Betty Stansbury says. "Old planes are usually flown out to disposal sites in California or Arizona, but since this aircraft wout flyable and it would cost too much to repair it, it was much more costefficient to destroy it here."

The airplane was donated to Purdue by United Airlines. It was never flown since its time at Purdue, instead being used as a training static for aviation technology students.

Purdue also has a 1970s-era Boeing 737 that was donated by United Airlines that is used as an on-ground training station.



Sponsored by the College of Technology locations at Anderson and Muncie and Ball State University, the annual spring Iron Egg Drop Competition tests the creativity and brainpower of local high school students.



"A technology education is about applying scientific knowledge and theory to hands-on applications. This competition helps the students start thinking about how those theories apply to real-world situations."

